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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Joint Resolution**

**No. 64**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Chu**

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 64—Relative to bias-motivated crimes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 64, as amended, Chu. Bias-motivated crimes.

This measure would state that the Legislature is, among other things, concerned by the number of bias-motivated crimes against Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, Sikh-Americans, and other Americans in recent months and would call upon local, state, and federal law enforcement authorities to work to prevent bias-motivated crimes and to investigate and prosecute vigorously all *bias-motivated* crimes committed against all Americans, including Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, All Americans are united in supporting American  
2 men and women who protect our nation abroad and at home; and  
3 WHEREAS, Thousands of Arab-Americans,  
4 Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and

1 Sikh-Americans serve in the military and in law enforcement,  
2 working to protect all Americans; and

3 WHEREAS, The Arab-American, Muslim-American, South  
4 Asian-American, and Sikh-American communities are vibrant,  
5 peaceful, and law-abiding, and have greatly contributed to  
6 American society; and

7 WHEREAS, All Americans, including Arab-Americans,  
8 Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and  
9 Sikh-Americans, condemn acts of violence and prejudice; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California,*  
12 *jointly,* That the Legislature is concerned by the number of  
13 bias-motivated crimes against Arab-Americans,  
14 Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, Sikh-Americans,  
15 and other Americans in recent months; and be it further

16 *Resolved,* That the civil rights and civil liberties of all  
17 Americans, including Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans,  
18 South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans should be  
19 protected; and be it further

20 *Resolved,* That the Legislature condemns bigotry and acts of  
21 violence against any American, including Arab-Americans,  
22 Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and  
23 Sikh-Americans; and be it further

24 *Resolved,* That the Legislature calls upon local, state, and  
25 federal law enforcement authorities to work to prevent  
26 bias-motivated crimes against all Americans, including  
27 Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans,  
28 and Sikh-Americans; and be it further

29 *Resolved,* That the Legislature calls upon local, state, and  
30 federal law enforcement authorities to investigate and prosecute  
31 vigorously all *bias-motivated* crimes committed against  
32 Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans,  
33 and Sikh-Americans; and be it further

34 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
35 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
36 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the  
37 Majority Leader of the Senate, ~~and the United States Attorney~~  
38 *General*, to each Senator and Representative from California in the  
39 Congress of the United States, *the Attorney General of California,*



- 1 *all California District Attorney's Offices, and to all statewide*
- 2 *elected officials.*

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